

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ENCROACHMENT ON DEFENCE LAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large area of Defence land has been encroached upon by Mafia Groups in Gorakhpur division;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has made any assessment as to how much its land is under unauthorised occupation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to remove such encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): No defence land has been encroached upon by Mafia Groups in Gorakhpur division. However, an area of 30.45 acres is under the possession of State Government authorities and 4.17 acre of land from camping ground has been encroached upon by private individuals. These encroachments are 20 years old. The land under private encroachments are as given below:-

Temple	-	0.27 acres
Shops and houses	-	0.934 acres
Morari Inter College	-	2.84 acres
Other private individuals	-	0.129 acres

There are four cases of encroachment at Air Force Station, Gorakhpur totaling 18.75 acres of land.

(d) The land pertaining to camping grounds at Gorakhpur division has been declared surplus to the requirement of Defence Services and has to be disposed off as per existing procedure. Action for removal of encroachment at Air Force Station, Gorakhpur was initiated. However, the matter is now sub-judice and is presently pending at Allahabad High Court.